

(4) RESCISSION.—The amounts reduced by paragraph (3) are rescinded and returned to the Treasury.

(5) PRIOR LAW.—Paragraphs (3) and (4) shall not apply to any programs or accounts that were reduced in the same manner by the Further Continuing Appropriations Amendments, 2011 (Public Law 112-4) or any other Act that takes effect prior to date of enactment of this Act.

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On page 4, beginning on line 12, strike “, and supports” and all that follows through “these rights” on line 14.

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In the ninth whereas clause of the preamble, strike “the United Nations Security Council and”.

NOTICE OF INTENT

Mr. DEMINT. Mr. President, I submit the following notice in writing: In accordance with Rule V of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby give notice in writing that it is my intention to move to suspend rule XXII, Paragraph 2, for the purpose of proposing and considering DeMint Amendment No. 165 to S. 493, including germaneness requirements.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 14, 2011.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 14, 2011.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 14, 2011, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a hearing entitled, “Assessing the FY 2012 Budget for Africa.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 14, 2011, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, “Federal Regulation: How Best to Advance the Public Interest?”.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 14, 2011, at 2:15 p.m., in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 14, 2011, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 14, 2011, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. LEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the privilege of the floor be granted to Mitchell McBride, an intern on my staff.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 59, 60, 63, 64, 65, 66, 68, 85, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 96, 98, 99, 100, 101, 104, 105, and all the nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Marine Corps, Army, Navy, and Air Force; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that any statements related to the nominations be printed in the RECORD; that President Obama be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

Carolyn N. Lerner, of Maryland, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of five years.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Kelvin K. Droegemeier, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the National Science Board, Na-

tional Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2016.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Kathryn D. Sullivan, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

MARINE MAMMAL COMMISSION

Frances M.D. Gulland, of California, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission for a term expiring May 13, 2012.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Ann D. Begeman, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2015.

FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Mario Cordero, of California, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2014.

Rebecca F. Dye, of North Carolina, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2015.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Peter Bruce Lyons, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy).

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Nils Maarten Parin Daulaire, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization.

Joseph M. Torsella, of Pennsylvania, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador.

Joseph M. Torsella, of Pennsylvania, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform.

Kurt Walter Tong, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Senior Official for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum.

Suzan D. Johnson Cook, of New York, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom.

Robert Patterson, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Turkmenistan.

Jonathan Scott Graton, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Kenya.

Michelle D. Gavin, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Botswana.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Rafael Borrás, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security.

IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

Lt. Gen. Robert W. Cone

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the